

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection with respect to all of the claims now in the application (i.e., Claims 1-9) is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Concerning initially the Restriction Requirement, Applicant hereby confirms the provisional election of the invention of Group I-namely, Claims 1-9 and 15-22 with traverse.

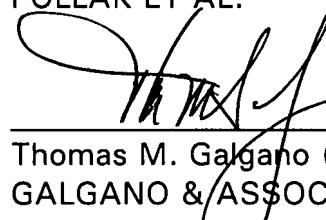
Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication of the allowability of Claim 3 if the 112 rejection were overcome and if the claim was placed in condition for allowance. By this Amendment, the subject matter of Claim 3, as well as Claim 2 on which it depends, has been incorporated into independent Claim 1 and the subject matter of Claim 3 has been amended as suggested on page 4 of the Office Action so as to place Claims 1-9 in condition for allowance. The remaining Claims 10 - 22 have been cancelled, without prejudice, so as to place the application in condition for allowance.

Finally, Applicant hereby requests a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Credit Card payment form no. PTO-2038 in the amount of \$60 is enclosed . Any fee deficiency or overpayment may be charged or credited to applicant's Deposit Account No.50-3990.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of Claims 1- 9 at an early date is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

POLLAk ET AL.



Thomas M. Galgano (27,638)
GALGANO & ASSOCIATES, PLLC
Attorneys for Applicant
20 West Park Avenue, Suite 204
Long Beach, New York 11561
Telephone: 516.431.1177

TMG/jgg

Enclosure: USPTO Credit Card Form
Postcard

F:\G&b\1656\2\amendment.wpd